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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, it is with reverence and commitment that we address You as Sovereign of our lives and of our Nation. Our forefathers called You Sovereign with awe and wonder as they established this land and trusted You for guidance and courage.

We thank you that in 1787, at a pivotal moment at the Constitutional Convention, Benjamin Franklin's convictions led him to rise and speak these now-famous words to George Washington: "I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth: that God governs in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? I believe that without His concurring aid we shall succeed no better than the builders of Babel. We shall be divided by our partial local interests; our projects will be confounded . . ."

Lord, it is with the same emphatic certainty that we echo his words of dependence on You and we ask, Sovereign Lord, that You would help us realize Your best for America. In Your holy name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, April 17, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable DEBBIE STABENOW, a Senator from the State of Michigan, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Ms. STABENOW thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. Madam President, under the previous order, the Senate will shortly begin a vote on a nomination of Lance M. Africk to be United States district judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana. Following that vote, the Senate will resume consideration of the energy reform bill, the ANWR amendments now pending. Cloture was filed yesterday evening on each of the ANWR amendments. Therefore, there will be votes on these cloture motions this coming Thursday.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under a previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NOMINATION OF LANCE M. AFRICK, OF LOUISIANA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now go into executive session and proceed to vote on Executive Calendar No. 760, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Lance M. Africk, of Louisiana, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The yeas and nays have been ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. REID. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. BYRD) and the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) are necessarily absent.

I further announce that, if present and voting, the Senator from Minnesota (Mr. DAYTON) would vote "aye."

Mr. NICKLES. I announce that the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. THOMPSON) is necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 97, nays 0, as follows:

(Rollcall Vote No. 69 Ex.)

YEAS—97

Akaka	Cantwell	Domenici
Allard	Carnahan	Dorgan
Allen	Carper	Durbin
Baucus	Chafee	Edwards
Bayh	Cleland	Ensign
Bennett	Clinton	Enzi
Biden	Cochran	Feingold
Bingaman	Collins	Feinstein
Bond	Conrad	Fitzgerald
Boxer	Corzine	Frist
Breaux	Craig	Graham
Brownback	Crapo	Gramm
Bunning	Daschle	Grassley
Burns	DeWine	Gregg
Campbell	Dodd	Hagel

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